

Bodenheimer, Company E, Seventy-second Regiment Missouri Militia—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HASKINS: Petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Waitsfield, Vt., in favor of a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAY: Petition of citizens of Virginia, in favor of bill H. R. 13778, known as the "Hearst bill"—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. HEARST: Petition of citizens of Vincennes, Ind., asking for the enactment into law of bill H. R. 13778, known as the "Hearst bill"—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, petition of members of South Omaha Live Stock Exchange, favoring the enactment of bill H. R. 13778, known as the "Hearst bill"—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. HILL of Connecticut: Petition of the Poquet Motor Company, of Westport, Conn., favoring bill H. R. 9302—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HINSHAW: Petition of the C. C. Cobb Company, of York, Nebr., in favor of a parcels-post bill—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. HITT: Resolution of the Nebraska Bankers' Association, in favor of reorganization of the consular service—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. KINKAID: Petition of citizens of Nebraska, in favor of bill H. R. 9302—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KNAPP: Papers to accompany bill H. R. 15855, granting increase of pension to Loren T. Austin—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill H. R. 16417, granting increase of pension to Silas I. Baker—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LAFEAN: Resolution of General John Sedgwick Post, No. 37, Grand Army of the Republic, of York, Pa., requesting the passage of bill H. R. 6506, granting a pension to Samuel B. Gray—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, resolution of Corporal Skelly Post, No. 9, Grand Army of the Republic, of Gettysburg, Pa., urging passage of bill H. R. 16683, granting a pension to Jesse Peters—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LINDSAY: Resolution of United Confederate Veterans of New Orleans, La., requesting that Congress take appropriate action looking to the care and preservation of the graves of the Confederate dead—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. LITTAUER: Papers to accompany House bill granting increase of pension to Fannie M. Bristol—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MACON: Papers in support of bill granting an increase of pension to Reuben Terry—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. McMORRAN: Petition of citizens of Michigan, in favor of a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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By Mr. MEYER of Louisiana: Petition of citizens of Louisiana, in favor of bill H. R. 13778, known as the "Hearst bill"—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. MIERS of Indiana: Papers to accompany House bill to increase the pension of Simon A. Snyder—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MORGAN: Papers to accompany bill granting an increase of pension to Samuel Grimes—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of citizens of Jackson, Ohio, asking for an increase of pension for William Spriggs—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill H. R. 10704—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. MURDOCK: Petition for remedial legislation in freight tariffs—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, petition of millers of Canton, Kans., in favor of the Lovering bill—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, petition of citizens of Macksville and Stafford County, Kans., relative to the word "sex" in the statehood bill—to the Committee on the Territories.

Also, petition of millers of Wichita, Kans., in favor of the Lovering bill—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PEARRE: Petition of heirs of William Loughridge, deceased, late of Washington County, Md., praying reference of war claim to the Court of Claims for use of his farm during the war of rebellion for \$2,300—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, petition of heir of Bridget Knott, deceased, late of Montgomery County, Md., praying reference of war claim to the Court of Claims—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, petition of William T. Walters, of Poolesville, Montgomery County, Md., administrator of the estate of Thomas Walters, deceased, praying for reference of claim to the Court of Claims—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. PORTER: Resolution of the Oakland Board of Trade, Pittsburg, in favor of appropriations for improvement of Monongahela and Ohio rivers—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, petition of Hon. William C. Graham and Henry Wheeler & Son, of Allegheny, Pa., in favor of a bill liberalizing the customs-drawback law—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana: Petition of Niezer & Co., of Monroeville Ind., in favor of bill H. R. 13778, known as the "Hearst bill"—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. SHERMAN: Papers to accompany bill granting a pension to Charles E. Benson—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. WM. ALDEN SMITH: Papers to accompany bill for relief of James T. Jackson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. STEENERSON: Resolution of Commercial Club of Minneapolis, Minn., relative to pneumatic-tube system—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. SULLIVAN: Petition of business men of New York, in favor of the Hearst bill—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. VREELAND: Petition of the Grand Army of the Republic of Gowanda, N. Y., in favor of international congress—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. VAN DUZER: Petition of citizens of Omaha, Nebr., and Charter Oak, Iowa, favoring the enactment of bill H. R. 13778, known as the "Hearst bill"—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, December 21, 1904.

The Chaplain, Rev. EDWARD E. HALE, offered the following prayer:

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And the angel of the Lord came upon them; and the angel said, "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." And there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Let us pray. Father, these holidays come to us and bring us back to the greatest of memories and the greatest of hopes. And Thou also art with us, to give us Thy strength, Thy life, and Thy joy. Thou wilt share our joys, and we, Father, will enter into Thine infinite love. Help us to help Thee, that we may press forward these glad tidings of peace on earth and good will among men; that we may enter into that service of Thine which shall bring men closer and closer to each other, and so closer and closer unto Thee.

We pray for this Senate. We pray for all who love and are loved by these who are here. We pray for all this nation, seeking God, if happily they can find Him, and remembering the blessing which came to us when He who is the Son of God was born in a manger. Father, we ask it in His name. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Journal of the proceedings of Monday last, when, on request of Mr. LODGE, and by unanimous consent, the further reading was dispensed with.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. W. J. BROWNING, its Chief Clerk, announced that the House had passed the following bills:

An act (S. 1352) for the relief of Lindley C. Kent and Joseph Jenkins as the sureties of Frank A. Webb;

An act (S. 1501) for the relief of James F. McIndoe;

An act (S. 1753) for the relief of Pay Clerk Charles Blake, United States Navy;

An act (S. 3199) for the relief of A. M. Short;
An act (S. 5088) to aid the Western Alaska Construction Company;

An act (S. 5567) to exclude from the Yosemite National Park, California, certain lands therein described and to attach to and include the said lands in the Sierra Forest Reserve; and

An act (S. 5704) to incorporate the American National Red Cross.

The message also announced that the House had passed the following bills; in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate:

An act (H. R. 2052) for the relief of Ramon O. Williams and Joseph A. Springer;

An act (H. R. 3109) for the relief of Noah Dillard;

An act (H. R. 3619) for the relief of David V. Howell;

An act (H. R. 3950) for the relief of W. R. Akers, of Alliance, Nebr.;

An act (H. R. 6351) to pay J. B. McRae \$99 for services as hospital steward, etc.;

An act (H. R. 6375) for the relief of the executors of the estate of Henry Lee, deceased;

An act (H. R. 9090) to provide United States registry for the steamer *Success*;

An act (H. R. 9091) to provide registry for the steamer *Marie*;

An act (H. R. 9758) for the relief of the heirs of George McGhehey for services rendered as mail contractor;

An act (H. R. 10089) for the relief of R. D. Ashford, of Lockport, Niagara County, N. Y.;

An act (H. R. 10558) referring the claim of Hannah S. Crane and others to the Court of Claims;

An act (H. R. 11370) to relieve the Italian-Swiss Agricultural Colony from the internal-revenue tax on certain spirits destroyed by fire;

An act (H. R. 11664) to reimburse the Illinois Central Railroad Company for damage to union depot at Louisville, Ky., by blasting in the Ohio River;

An act (H. R. 11802) for the relief of Adolph Spiegel as the successor of the firm of Spiegel, Finkelstein & Co.;

An act (H. R. 15011) to open to homestead settlement and entry the relinquished and undisposed of portions of the Round Valley Indian Reservation in the State of California, and for other purposes;

An act (H. R. 15981) to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Pearl and Leaf Rivers Railroad Company to bridge Pearl River, in the State of Mississippi; and

An act (H. R. 16160) granting to Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., license to make excavations and place footings in the soil of certain land belonging to the United States at St. Paul, Minn.

PRESIDENTIAL APPROVALS.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. RUDOLPH FORSTER, one of his secretaries, announced that the President had on the 19th instant approved and signed the following acts:

An act (S. 3329) granting a pension to Mary E. Strong;

An act (S. 5184) granting a pension to Ethel Talley;

An act (S. 5263) granting a pension to Annie M. Eopolucci;

An act (S. 5484) granting a pension to Burnetta B. Lehmann;

An act (S. 2578) granting an increase of pension to Sylvester Beezley;

An act (S. 2745) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Howard;

An act (S. 2893) granting an increase of pension to Emanuel Morter;

An act (S. 3033) granting an increase of pension to Charles B. Williams;

An act (S. 3175) granting an increase of pension to Rachel H. Coleman;

An act (S. 3414) granting an increase of pension to Henry Wheeler;

An act (S. 3502) granting an increase of pension to Joseph W. Willis;

An act (S. 3640) granting an increase of pension to John S. Stevens;

An act (S. 3791) granting an increase of pension to Edwin J. Tenney;

An act (S. 4417) granting an increase of pension to Chadbourne H. Warren;

An act (S. 4690) granting an increase of pension to Andrew W. Switzer;

An act (S. 5416) granting an increase of pension to James A. Hopson;

An act (S. 5423) granting an increase of pension to Ellen J. Morton;

An act (S. 5492) granting an increase of pension to Mary T. Holden; and

An act (S. 5556) granting an increase of pension to Sarah A. Hoback.

The message also announced that the President had on the 20th instant approved and signed an act (S. 2114) to fix the rank of certain officers in the Army.

The message further announced that the President had on this day approved and signed an act (S. 708) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to authorize the building of a bridge across Thief River, in the State of Minnesota.

Mr. LODGE. I move that the Senate adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned, the adjournment being, under the concurrent resolution of the two Houses, until Wednesday, January 4, 1905, at 12 o'clock meridian.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, December 21, 1904.

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Our Father, ever near to us, we draw near to Thee with inexpressible gratitude for life and all its attendant blessings—the golden fields of harvest which feed the body, the vast fields of knowledge which feed the mind, the rich fields of religion which feed the soul and make for righteousness.

At this season of the year we turn to Thee with peculiar gratitude for that greatest of all revelations which came to us in the incomparable life and character of Thy Son, who taught us to say Our Father, which makes the whole world akin. Help us, we beseech Thee, to hallow Thy name by living these eternal truths that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Be very near to each of us, O God, our heavenly Father, as we separate for a little while to go to our homes, the dearest spot on earth, in remembrance of Thine own best gift to the world, and may we by our generosity and kindness to our loved ones, our friends, and especially to those who are less fortunate than we, get a little nearer to the Christ life, and bring us together again without the loss of any, richer, nobler, purer to do Thy work, and everlasting praise shall be Thine through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Journal of the proceedings of Monday last was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Sundry messages, in writing, from the President of the United States were communicated to the House of Representatives by Mr. FORSTER, one of his secretaries, who also informed the House of Representatives that the President had approved and signed joint resolution of the following title:

On December 17, 1904:

H. J. Res. 176. Joint resolution to pay the officers and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives their respective salaries for the month of December, 1904, on the 20th day of said month.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED.

Mr. WACHTER, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles; when the Speaker signed the same:

H. R. 16445. An act making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, and for other purposes; and

H. R. 15590. An act to amend an act approved April 26, 1904, entitled "An act to enable the Secretary of War to permit the erection of a lock and dam in aid of navigation in the Tennessee River near Chattanooga, Tenn., and for other purposes."

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which, with the accompanying documents, was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and ordered to be printed:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith the report of the Commissioner of Corporations, covering the period from the organization of the Bureau to June 30, 1904.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE, December 21, 1904.